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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 June 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7, 8, and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yaniv et al. (US 2002/0185949)

Regarding claim 7, Yaniv ('949) teaches in figure 2 a field emission device (no number), comprising; a field emitter material (201) for emitting electrons; a first electrode (203) and a second electrode (301) for applying an electric field over the field emitter material; and a dielectric layer (205) substantially in between the first and second electrodes, the dielectric layer being patterned by means of a liquid embossing technique (see paragraph 12).

Regarding claim 8, Yaniv ('949) teaches the dielectric layer comprises a pattern of gate holes (no number) for passing emitted electrons.

Regarding claim 10, Yaniv ('949) teaches the field emitter material comprises carbon nanotubes.

Regarding claim 11, Yaniv ('949) teaches the field emitter material comprises a graphite particular emitter (read carbon).

Regarding claim 12, Yaniv ('949) teaches display device, comprising a field emission device according to claim 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson et al. (US 6,517,995) in view of Yaniv et al. (US 2002/0185949).

Regarding claim 1, Jacobson ('995) teaches in figures 1 and 3 and the corresponding text a method of manufacturing a field emission device, comprising the steps of; providing a layer of liquid material (365) on a substrate (300); engaging a patterned stamp (370) with the layer of liquid material, for embossing the layer; curing the layer of liquid material, thereby forming a solidified, patterned dielectric layer.

Jacobson ('995) does not disclose forming an electrode on the patterned dielectric layer.

Further regarding claim 1, Yaniv ('949) teaches forming an electrode (301) on a dielectric layer (205) for the purpose of forming a field emission device.

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add the electrode of Yaniv to the dielectric layer of Jacobson for the purpose of forming a field emission device.

Regarding claim 2, Jacobson ('995) teaches engaging substantially cylindrical protrusions of the stamp with the layer of liquid material.

Regarding claim 3, Jacobson ('995) teaches exerting an additional pressure on the stamp during the engaging step, the pressure being set to a predetermined value.

Regarding claim 4, Jacobson ('995) teaches the liquid material comprises a hydrolysis mixture of an organosilane compound and an inorganic filler material.

Regarding claim 5, Jacobson ('995) teaches the liquid material comprises polyimide.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yaniv et al. (US 2002/0185949), of record, in view of Komatsu (US 5,448,132).

Regarding claim 9, Yaniv ('949) teaches all of the claimed limitations except for the gate holes comprise a tapered portion adjacent the second electrode, the second electrode extending at least partly into the tapered portion of the gate holes.

Further regarding claim 9, Komatsu ('132) teaches in figure 2B a field emission device comprised of, in part, a gate holes comprise a tapered portion adjacent the second electrode, the second electrode extending at least partly into the tapered portion of the gate holes for the purpose of improving the electron flow of the emitter and thus the image of the display.

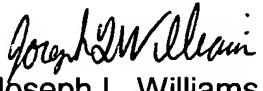
Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the tapered gate portions of Komatsu in the display of Yaniv for the purpose of improving the electron flow of the emitter and thus the image of the display.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph L. Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272-2465. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30 AM-3:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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